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Attempt to Blow Up Big Bridge

If military law prevailed in Lethbridge at the present time, it is the opinion of the police and military authorities that there would have been a casualty to report this morning. Just as dusk last night, a man giving the name of Herman Wilmot, was arrested near the big bridge, and he is suspected of being connected with what looks like a concerted attempt to blow the bridge into smithereens. So strong is the evidence against him, in fact, that if military law prevailed, it is likely that he would have been hanged up against a brick wall and shot.

Late yesterday the Chinook Collieries reported the theft of thirty-one tons of black blasting powder from their magazine, to Inspector Lindsay of the Municipal Police. Four men were sent by Inspector Lindsay to look for it in the vicinity of the bridge and in a deserted shack behind the big C.P.R. bridge and the traffic bridge, twenty-three tons of black blasting powder was discovered.

Sgt. Major Timbry, in command of five red coats and four members of the 25th Battery, hastened to the scene last night. The sergeant-major caught him near the empty dwelling, and just as darkness closed in, a man was seen waiting across the river, shoulder deep in the water, coming toward the shack. As he emerged from the river and started to approach the house, he was placed under arrest and taken to the barracks. Voltaire was arrested, and a further search was made on him. He is held on a charge under the criminal code, that of being in possession of burglar's tools, and has been remanded for eight days. The police authorities state that there is enough evidence against the man to warrant taking him on to jail, but the only charge at present against him is that of carrying poisonous tools.

The powder was confiscated, and in the morning, the police maintained their guard last night, under instructions from Inspector Lindsay: the four men remained stationed at the bridge, and the C.P.R. guard stationed at the bridge.

Everything points to a concerted attempt to blow the bridge, and the man who is held in the matter is undoubtedly a dangerous character. The powder was stolen last night, and the man who was caught was not discovered until yesterday, when the shack was checked up.

No trace of the other eight kegs has been found. The powder was in blasting in the mine, and each keg contains 25 pounds. The missing powder has not yet been identified with that discovered on the river bottom, but it is of the same composition, and is done up in similar containers.

A heavy guard will be maintained hereafter, every hour of the day and night in the vicinity of the high bridge. Wilmot will not talk, but states that he is a Canadian of German descent. Lethbridge Herald of Tuesday.

The Whole World Condemns Kaiser

It will doubtless surprise the German Emperor to know that his action in forcing Europe into a terrible war is condemned by the public and press throughout the world. Not only are the continents, the British Empire, the United States, but the press of the United States with one accord condemn the action of the German War Lord.

In the United States especially, the press is unanimous in blaming the German Emperor for bringing about hostilities. Excerpts from many of the leading papers in the neighboring Republics follow and indicate not only an entire lack of sympathy with the German Emperor, but scathing denunciations of his action. The New York Herald says: "The machinery of progress is stopped by the hand of anarchy. The Kaiser plunges Europe into the most devastating conflict known to human history and every civilized country is in the throes of shock." Buffalo Commercial "Germany, which could have cast a die for peace, has determined on war." Baltimore American "The Emperor of Austria, the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Germany are the marionettes of the world's peace and the fight is going on. They will have to answer for it not only in the judgment of history, but by the loss of the tremendous power they have assumed under the pretence of being right to rule." Hartford Times:

"In the very vanguard of the twentieth century, Germany has plunged into a century of darkness. The monstrous thing that is overhanging in the clouds of this century is the plain fact that it is utterly unnecessary." The Lowell Courier-Observer "Sweden, Russia and France are England has done so, and has chosen against the peace or the honor of the German Empire which calls for the whole world's slaughter. Citizens; hence, the unprovoked war which Germany has so suddenly begun and which stands condemned for all time by all civilized men." New York Journal of Commerce: "Those rulers who are responsible for bringing on the war that is ravaging Europe in this year of our Lord shall answer to God with a terrible retribution. Foremost of these is the Emperor of Germany. With his justification or excuse lacking, Austria-Hungary would not have ventured upon the brutal attack upon Serbia in the face of certain resistance from Russia. Back of it all was a splendid plot in which the Kaiser was the supreme figure and he seems to have had all the cards in the hands and became the 'Mad Mullah' of Europe.

Surely these comments which are but typical of hundreds, should make the German Emperor and his people realize that they have antagonized the whole civilized world.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

No Particle of Reason For Panic of Any Kind

Than Mr. J. C. Drewey, the well-known Perthshire leader, of Cowley, there is perhaps no man in Alberta not so fitted to speak with life: given the five stock industry, and when he expresses an opinion regarding the effect that the war may have upon the same, it is about as valuable as the rich black stuff that is going to be found in the oil wells of Calgary. Mr. Drewey, who has just returned from Edmonton exhibition, where his prize Percheron swept the board, as usual, is sitting at the Alberta, and when spoken to by The News-Telegram man, voiced in no uncertain manner his opinion of conditions in general, and of pessimists and paleomones in particular.

"There is not a particle of reason for people getting panicky," said Mr. Drewey. "As far as livestock is concerned, the war is a good thing. While we exceedingly deplore war, and all the misery that it entails, the fact remains that everything the best we can do will bring good prices and this will apply not only to this year. This war is not going to be over in 15 minutes, but if the people of Canada keep their heads and produce and livestock they can, it will have nothing but a good effect here. The war prices will, in my opinion, be still far above what they were."

In stating that there would be a good demand for saddle horses and for horses for artillery work, the Cowley man warned the public not to sacrifice their horses as there would be good prices going, before the war. The prices, in his opinion, were already beginning to stiffen a little.

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and as the army could require thousands of horses that there are right here in Alberta now, the people of the west had better reason to be optimistic. The general public that first hit the cable," said Mr. Drewey, "was just a out as warranted as was that which caused the holders of all stock to practically give away the stock that they held in good consequence that had the money in the bank, and that had improved their holdings to such an extent that the stocks were now more valuable today than they were when purchased."

In closing, Mr. Drewey, who has a reputation for doing the right thing with all with whom he has dealings, could not refrain from speaking a few kind words for the management of the Edmonton exhibition, and after referring to the manner in which everything was carried, stated that the grounds up there were so well laid out and perfected that the managers of the Calgary fair would have any pointers, all that would be necessary for them to do would be to take a trip down. "The crop around there," he said, "were the very best and there was one man in the district who cleared out an average of \$2,000 yearly on his hogs."

It is Mr. Drewey's intention to look things over in Calgary and rest up a bit before continuing his journey.

Is a War of Miscalculations

London, Aug. 9.—When the history of this Armageddon is written, no matter that its outcome, the world will know that, so far as Germany was concerned, it was a war of miscalculations.

Germany has blundered in her preparations and in her calculations. All along the line. Her own people will come to realize this before long, when they do there will be wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

At present they are hopelessly in the dark. Drunk with self-confidence, they are being dragged deeper and deeper into the uncertainty of a world war in the belief that the sword has been forced into the Kaiser's hand.

Germany's miscalculations have been both political and military. They began with the cocksure supposition that the triple entente could not withstand the shock of war. France was held to be unready. Russia was looked upon as on the brink of a revolution. Both political and industrial. England was thought to be pre-occupied with Ulster, and distracted under any circumstances to risk anything in a great continental struggle not directly affecting her. Italy's help was regarded as a foregone conclusion.

It is miscalculations in regard to England were perhaps the greatest of all. It is the idea of an English army, or the idea that a Kitchener might suddenly be placed in charge of it. The Germans have been educated by their political professors to believe that a great European war which involves Great Britain must mean the independence of Canada, Australia and South Africa and revolutions in India and Egypt. The hour of rule awakening had set in. Great soldiers and statesmen were warned that the war would produce surprises. They have begun with a vengeance.

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